

Abstract

The present invention is directed to a crop collector, the head on a crop collector and substantially straight elongate guards on the head. The head includes a
5 rotating reel with sets of radially spaced apart tines disposed around an arbor, with the tine sets spaced axially along the reel. The head includes a housing having substantially straight elongate guards, also know as strippers, intermediate adjacent tine sets. The guards are configured for mounting to the crop collector in an arcing configuration. The guards are made of a lightweight flexible plastic type material in one embodiment, such
10 as polyethylene.